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COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO. TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 18 May 1954REFERENCES PAGES 7 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS SOURCE

B - boxcar SSy - heavy-duty flatcar RRym - heavy-duty flatcar

The following troop trains were between 1 and 31 March 1954:Date in Composition of
March Troop Trains

From

To

28 6 cars, 9 RRym

Dresden

Schwepnitz

2 B, 6 RRym

Meissen

"

1 3 cars, 8 RRym

Roederau

Schlieben

3 cars, 8 SSy

"

"

27 4 cars, 14 RRym

"

Borna

9 cars, 3 RRym

"

Leisnig

2 cars, 11 RRym

"

Schwepnitz

29 14 cars, 1 RRym

Aue

Berlin-Schoeneweide

1 7 cars, 21 RRym

"

Chemnitz

20 13 cars

Breitenbrunn

Chemnitz

3 38 cars

Glauchau

Ohrdruf

22 cars

"

"

20 cars

"

"

19 15 cars

"

Koenigsbrueck

20 28 cars

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Haldensleben

25 cars

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19	18 cars	Jacobsthal	Schwepnitz	25X1
	12 cars	Johanngeorgenstadt	Chemnitz	
5	12 cars	Chemnitz	Johanngeorgenstadt	
23	16 SSy 33 cars	"	Koenigswartha	
29	9 SSy	"	Berlin-Schoeneweide	
8	12 cars, 8 SSy	Leisnig	Schwepnitz	
21	10 cars, 12 RRym	"	"	
15	28 cars, 7 SSy	Plauen	Weimar	
	186 cars, 6 RRym	"	"	
26	33 cars	Riesa	Grimma	
3	38 cars, 9 SSy	Crawinkel	Jena	
4	5 SSy, 19 cars	"	"	
	44 cars, 1 RRym	"	"	
	21 cars, 8 RRym	"	"	
	24 cars, 4 RRym	"	"	
4	37 cars	Donndorf	Halle	
	34 cars	"	"	
	14 cars	"	"	
5	13 cars	"	"	
10	14 cars	"	"	25X1
13	12 cars	"	"	
25	14 cars	"	"	
29	34 cars	"	Weissenfels	
4	44 cars	Eisenach	Weimar	
	57 cars	"	Gera	
20	9 cars	"	Naumburg	

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15	42 cars, 4 SSy	Gera	Rudolstadt		
25	55 cars	"	Ohrdruf		25X1
	61 cars	"	"		
11	36 cars	Goeschwitz	Glauchau		
	14 cars, 10 RRym	"	"		
	30 cars, 3 RRym	"	Halle		
	17 cars, 10 RRym	"	Glauchau		
1	20 cars, 10 RRym	Jena	Arnstadt		
7	3 RRym, 10 cars	"	Zeitz		
8	16 cars, 3 RRym	"	Wolmirstedt		
11	47 cars	"	Markranstادت		
	38 cars	"	Rueckmarsdorf		25X1
	34 cars, 11 RRym	"	Wolmirstedt		
19	52 cars	"	Koenigsbrueck		
24	84 cars	"	Ohrdruf		
	17 cars, 8 RRym	"	"		
	32 cars	"	"		
24/25	99 cars	"	Mechtersstادت		
25	29 cars	"	Ohrdruf		
	55 cars, 16 RRym	"	"		
31	6 cars, 14 RRym	"	Zeitz		
24	31 cars	Jena	Georgenthal		
	47 cars	"	"		
11	51 cars	Kahla	Altenberg		
	46 cars	"	"		
12	45 cars	"	"		
	44 cars	"	"		
	43 cars	"	Weissenfels		

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31	46 cars	Kahla	Altenburg
	48 cars	"	Rueckmarsdorf
	53 cars	"	Gera
	69 cars	"	"
4	30 cars	Koellmeda	Halle
	19 cars	"	"
	34 cars	"	"
19	38 cars	Langensalza	Plauen
	35 cars	"	"
	51 cars	"	Rudolstadt
	51 cars		
	38 cars	"	Saalfeld
	29 cars	"	
20	37 cars	"	Meiningen
	51 cars		
	44 cars		
14	40 cars, 9 SSy	Meiningen	Stadtilm
15	33 cars, 10 SSy	"	"
	43 cars, 10 SSy	"	"
4	30 cars	Ilmenhausen	Cardrus
	20 cars	"	"
5	37 cars	"	"
	30 cars	"	"
19	35 cars	"	"
4	60 cars	"	Rudolstadt
5	40 cars	"	"
19	49 cars	"	Plauen
	46 cars	"	"
	22 cars	"	"
	63 cars	"	"
	22 cars	"	Suhl
	52 cars	"	"

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6	56 cars	Naumburg	Georgenthal	25X1
7	45 cars	"	Emleben	
	35 cars, 6 RRym	"	"	
	35 cars, 8 RRym	"	Crawinkel	
20	35 cars	"	Kroepelin	
	37 cars, 9 SSy	"	Naubukow	
6	32 cars	Naumburg	Georgenthal	
7	43 cars, 4 RRym	"	Crawinkel	
	98 cars, 4 RRym	"	Gotha	
7/8	50 cars 55 cars	"	Georgenthal	
20	74 cars, 7 SSy	"	Naubukow	25X1
31	26 cars	"	Ohrdruf	
2	52 cars	Ohrdruf	Gera	
6	54 cars	"	Jena	
15	20 cars	"	Stadttilm	
	20 cars	"	"	
24	48 cars	"	Halle	
	45 cars	"	"	
	26 cars	"	"	
	52 cars	"	"	
4	47 cars	Rossleben	Halle	25X1C
1	77 cars, 10 RRym	Rudolstadt	Ohrdruf	
3	54 cars	Saalfeld	Altengrabow	
15	20 cars	Suhl	Stadttilm	
8	14 cars	Weimar	Holminstedt	
20	59 cars	"	Kroepelin	
24	49 cars	"	Hechterstadt	
	13 cars	"	Arnsdorf	

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7	12 cars, 7 RRym	Weissenfels	Georgenthal
	156 cars, 2 RRym	"	Mechterstaedt
	58 cars, 6 RRym	"	Georgenthal
	27 cars, 9 RRym	"	Donndorf
30	21 cars	Weissenfels	Ohrdruf
5	21 cars	Zeitz	Altengrabow
10	10 cars, 3 RRym	"	Jena
15	14 cars, 3 cars	"	Wolmirstedt
	6 cars, 24 cars	"	"
24	8 cars	"	Emleben
	63 cars	"	"
	24 cars	"	Mechterstaedt
25	45 cars	"	Georgenthal
	38 cars	"	"
	21 cars, 14 SSy	"	"
	5 cars, 17 cars	"	"

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25X1A1. [] Comment. [] in mid-February 1954, components of the 9th Tank Div moved from their home stations to the Schlieben - Herzberg area for field exercises.

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2. [] Comment. The troop trains probably carried contingents of the 6th Gds AAA Div (US) from Chemnitz to the uranium mining area and vice versa.

25X1A2. [] Comment. Most of the troop trains to the Koenigsbrueck, Altengrabow, and Letzling Heath troop training grounds and to the Wustrow AAA Range []

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[] Troops carried by these trains included:

To Koenigsbrueck: AAA units of the 20th Gds Mech Div from Jena, and of the 220th Hv Tank SP Regt from Glauchau.

To Altengrabow: Probably contingents of the 316th Gds RL Regt (US) of the XXVIII Gds Rifle Corps from Saalfeld, and of the 24th Gds RL Bn (US) of the 20th Gds Mech Div from Zeitz.

To Letzling Heath: Two troop trains with contingents of the 220th Hv Tank SP Regt from Glauchau, and tank units of the 20th Gds Mech Div from Weimar, Jena and Zeitz.

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To Wustrow: The 498th AAA Regt (US) of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Naumburg, and contingents of the 13th AAA Div from Weimar.

- 25X1A 4. Comment. Between 14 and 19 March 1954, a field exercise was held by the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. [redacted] the maneuver started in the Stadlitz-Weimar area and extended as far as the Langensalza - Muehlhausen area. Headquarters units of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Rudolstadt and Saalfeld also participated in the field exercise. Troop shipments from and to Suhl on 15 and 19 March 1954 respectively confirm that a component of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div is stationed in Suhl.

- 25X1A 6. Comment. The seven troop trains from Cranwinkel and Eisonach to Jena and Weimar on 3, 4, and 5 March 1954 indicate that a small-scale field exercise was held by components of the 20th Gds Mech Div in the area northwest of the Ohrdruf troop training grounds on about 1 March 1954. Elements of the 308th Arty Brig (US) from Gera, which went to Ohrdruf on two troop trains on 28 February 1954, possibly also participated in the above field exercise.

- 25X1A 7. Comment. On 4 and 5 March 1954, eight troop trains, probably of the 21st Gds Mech Div, were dispatched to Halle from the Donndorf, Koelleda, and Rossleben railroad stations. A field exercise similar to that of the 20th Gds Mech Div at Ohrdruf possibly was conducted in the Lossa area simultaneously. Comment 25X1 6.

- 25X1A 8. Comment. Between 24 and 31 March 1954, a field exercise which started in the area of the Ohrdruf troop training grounds was held by the 20th Gds Mech Div. On 24 and 25 March, units of the division from Jena, Zeitz and Weimar on 17 troop trains, and elements of the 308th Arty Brig (US) from Gera on 2 troop trains moved to the Ohrdruf - Mechterstaedt area, while [redacted] large contingents 25X1 of the army artillery brigades from Altenburg transferred to Gotha on 6 troop trains. As troops returning by rail from Kahla to Altenburg, Gera and Ruckmarsdorf were observed on 31 March 1954, the field exercise probably terminated in the area south of Jena the same day. It is believed, however, that the bulk of the 20th Gds Mech Div returned to its home station by road.

- 25X1A 9. Comment. The loadings at the Kahla, Gosschwitz and Jena railroad stations on 11 and 12 March 1954 indicate that, prior to these days, a field exercise was conducted by units of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps with large contingents of corps troops and army troops participating. Further details have not been obtained.

- 25X1A 10. Comment. On 4 and 5 March 1954, contingents of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div moved from Muehlhausen to Ohrdruf and Rudolstadt. No field exercises were observed in this area during the above period.

- 25X1A 11. Comment. On 7 and 8 March 1954, large contingents of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Naumburg and Weissenfels went to the Ohrdruf - Mechterstaedt area on 15 or 16 troop trains, while army artillery units from Altenburg moved to Gotha on 5 troop trains at the same time. Other information indicated that these field exercises terminated on about 13 March 1954.

- 25X1A 12. Comment. The report definitely indicates that, between 18 and 24 March 1954, contingents of the 21st Gds Mech Div were in Ohrdruf probably for combat firing practice, as was previously inferred from other information.

- 25X1A 13. Comment. Most of the troop trains not commented on probably carried units to troop training grounds for combat firing practice and back to their home stations.

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